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Enclosed are:

1. 26 sheets of specification, 5 sheets of claims, 1 sheet of abstract;
2. 10 sheets of drawings;
3. Claim to Convention Priority Date of JP 2003-126550 filed in Japan on 1 May 2003 and certified copy thereof;
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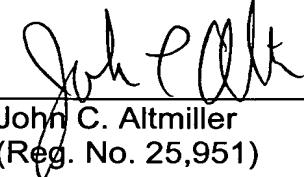
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